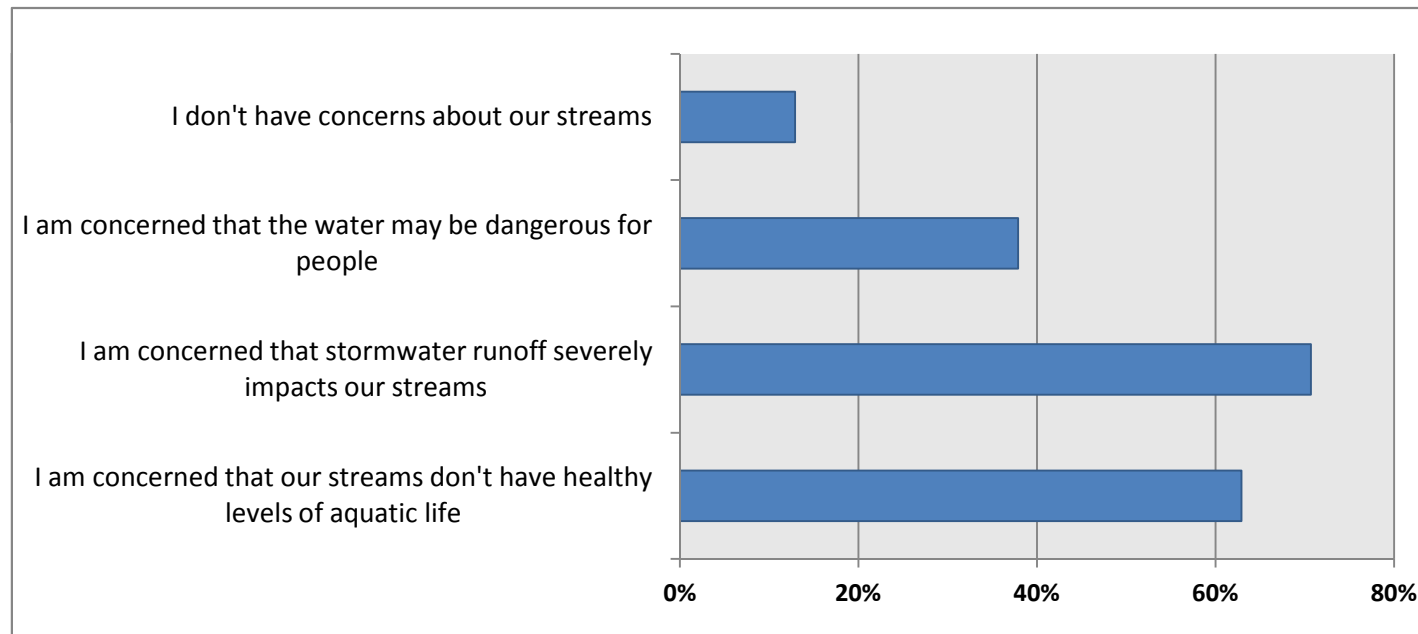


Environment Survey - Question #1

Our streams have been home to aquatic life and provide support and habitat for our natural areas. How concerned are you about their condition? Check any that apply.

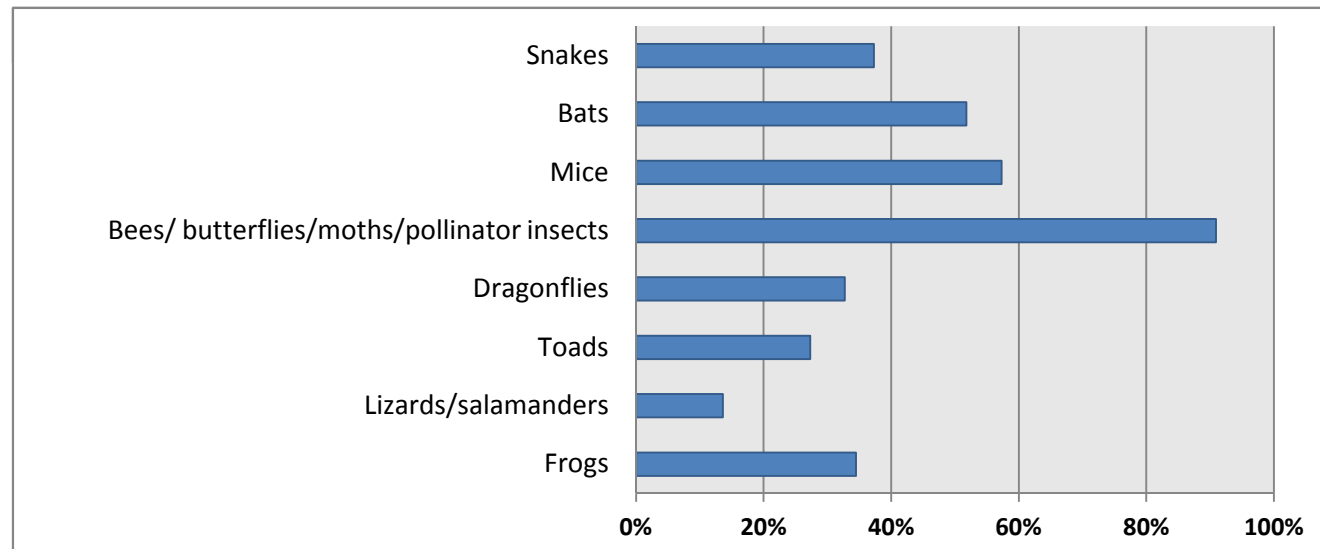
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I am concerned that our streams don't have healthy levels of aquatic life	62.9%	73
I am concerned that stormwater runoff severely impacts our streams	70.7%	82
I am concerned that the water may be dangerous for people	37.9%	44
I don't have concerns about our streams	12.9%	15
Other (please specify)/Comments		14
answered question		116
skipped question		2



Question #1	Other (please specify)/Comments
1	I am concerned about the tank farm on Pickett Road.
2	I've monitored City streams for many years and have basically tracked the degradation.
3	Kids should be able to play near local streams. In some places they seem to be well protected, but in others there is a lot of trash build up and visual pollution.
4	I am concerned about trash in the streams, not just looking ugly but also leaching chemicals, and maybe endangering wildlife directly, such as getting tangled in six-pack holder.
5	I am concerned that people throw stuff down the street drains, such as chemicals and refuse, and that people use lawn services with gross applications of chemicals
6	Accotink Creek has huge amounts of trash from the streets. Plastic Bags and bottles are the major problem. I clean the creek often so I know. We need programs to discourage us of plastic in the city and encourage more us of trash containers like those at bus stops.
7	While environmental concerns are growing, our country as a whole still needs to give these concerns much more effort and attention. Also, we need on going research on environmentally friendly waste disposal. As income grows, so does waste.
8	Erosion control in the streams
9	Often there are large amounts of blown-in trash from sorrounding housing developments. During rain events there are higher E. coli counts (by MPN method) in at least one stream that I've sampled. Also there are many incised banks that are not propely connected with the watershed.
10	I am concerned about the levels of trash
11	I am aware that streams get polluted very easily, but now I'm wondering if there's something in particular I should be concerned about.
12	erosion issues - trees falling, loss of surrounding ground
13	I am concerned over the increase in impermeable surfaces that have accompanied building and development in Fairfax City.
14	I am concerned about the condition of sewer lines along our streams. I am concerned about the amount of litter in our streams. I am concerned about non-point run-off polution including fertilizer and pesticides.

Environment Survey - Question #2

Do you have any of the following around where you live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Frogs	34.5%	38
Lizards/salamanders	13.6%	15
Toads	27.3%	30
Dragonflies	32.7%	36
Bees/ butterflies/moths/pollinator insects	90.9%	100
Mice	57.3%	63
Bats	51.8%	57
Snakes	37.3%	41
Other (please specify)/Comments		28
answered question		110
skipped question		8

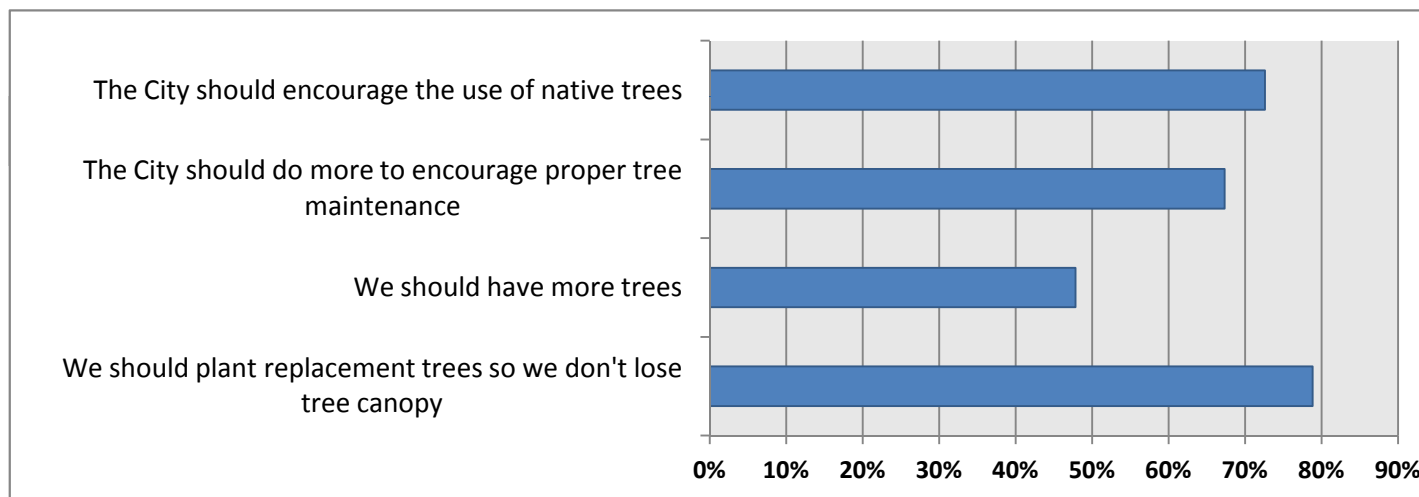


Question #2	Other (please specify)/Comments
1	My house backs up to the creek, and I have never seen any of these. However I've seen deer, foxes, raccoons, owls, ducks and heron.
2	Mallard ducks, Barred Owls, foxes, deer---we have Accotink Creek in our back yard.
3	chipmunks, moles
4	Raccoons
5	ChipmunksHawksCyotes
6	Rats!
7	Box turtle, fox, cardinals. , owl
8	Too many snakes and not enough of the nicer wildlife. Help!
9	foxes and deer
10	we used to have toads, haven't seen them in a couple of years :(
11	Lots of things... squirrels, chipmunks, people's outdoor cats...and of course other insects (ants, beetles, etc.), and assorted birds.
12	Loads of foxes! Saw a big salamander in the stream 15 yrs ago when I used to go often with the children
13	I wish there where all of the above in greater numbers (except mice) in my community.
14	Barred owls, Mallard ducks, chipmunks,blue herons, ground hogs, lots of birds
15	These are observed, doesn't mean other creatures aren't around.
16	We have a bat house up on the back of our house but I do not believe any bats live in it.
17	Turtles, chipmunks, fox, deer
18	deer, fox, chipmunks
19	diverse birdlife--importantly including birds of prey, deer, fox, groundhog, chipmonk
20	MISQUITOS!!!!!!!!!! Can't walk out of the house without getting 5 bites
21	Racoons
22	Lots of squirrels and birds
23	These creatures have not turned up this season, but they have been coming around in the warm weather each year.
24	When we moved into Crestmont in 1997, we had lots of spring peepers...they have disappeared. Have not seen frogs since my neighbor eliminated their backyard pond.The bat population has suffered nationally from disease, so we see far fewer than we used to. Have seen no snakes.
25	RATS!!
26	Used to see fox, deer and even a couple raccoons
27	Saw tadpoles in the drainage swale in 1998 - never again though :(
28	Unfortunately, we can also add rats to this list.

Environment Survey - Question #3

Our mature trees are one of the City's greatest natural assets. They provide shade, cooling, habitat and cleaner air. Check any of the following actions that you feel are important for the city to take.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
We should plant replacement trees so we don't lose tree canopy	78.8%	89
We should have more trees	47.8%	54
The City should do more to encourage proper tree maintenance	67.3%	76
The City should encourage the use of native trees	72.6%	82
Other (please specify)/Comments		20
answered question		113
skipped question		5

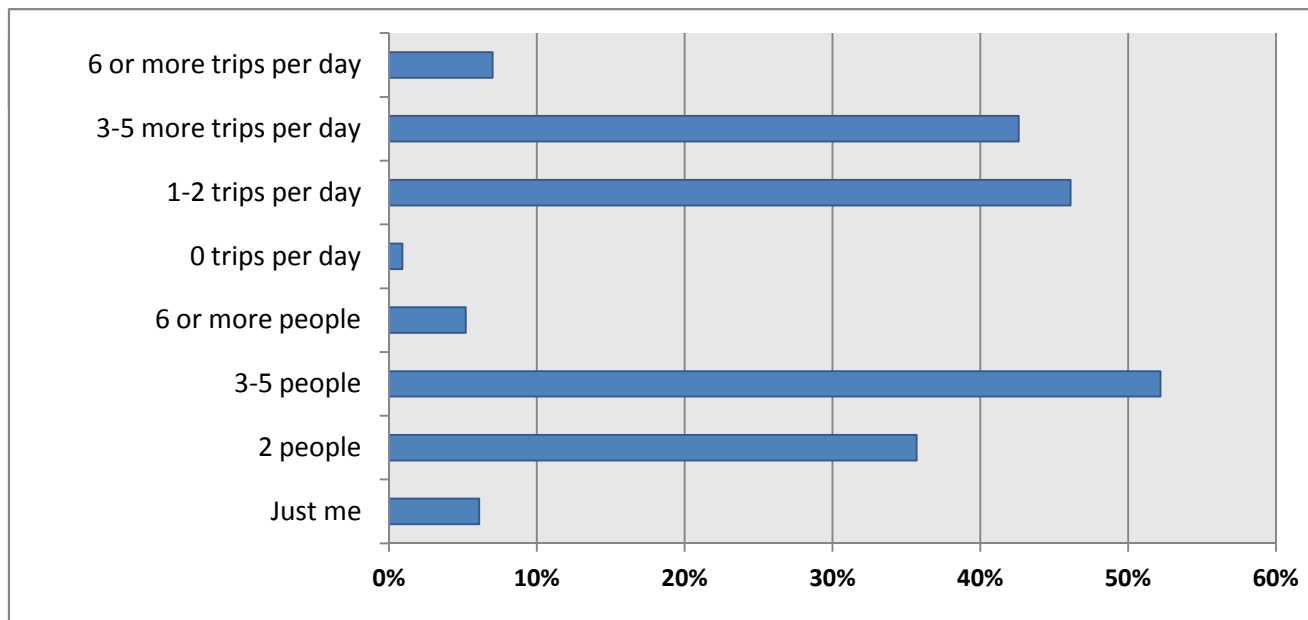


Question #3	Other (please specify)/Comments
1	how can the city allow a development laughing called 'Great Oaks' that cuts down all of the trees to make way for
2	Stop/slow down development. Enough already!
3	We need a list of licensed and bonded tree trimming companies listed on the Fairfax City website. Without endorsing any company, you could just state which ones are registered and have a permit with the City.
4	Please don't follow Fairfax County's example of strip development. No tree left behind!
5	As an area that has a ton of pollen in the air every spring, we should encourage the growing of trees that are less likely to add to the pollen count.
6	The City and developers should plant trees more wisely. Planting large canopy trees, particularly with shallow root systems is not a benefit when too close together or adjacent to infrastructure.
7	The city is great about doing maintenance and replacing trees along roads. We had a sick tree replaced a few years ago, the city was great about putting in a new tree the same year. Should partner more with neighborhoods where private property has a lot of aging and sickly trees to help get them replaced with native trees.
8	Construction and additional median breaks are taking out a lot of the mature street trees that make our thoroughfares pleasant. This should be considered when planning new turn-lanes, etc. Also, new developments should take specimen trees into account.
9	Not sure whether the city should do more to encourage proper tree maintenance, because I don't know what the city is already doing.
10	Some of the mature trees are actually crappy trees that were cheap for developers. Lots of our large trees are weak or falling down. Just because it's a canopy doesn't mean healthy or robust trees!!!
11	Developer and City tree planting under wires or along traffic dense roads should consider mature height and branch breadth so butcher pruning less needed!
12	The City should require builders to maintain mature trees where possible in their plans.
13	Some trees in our park areas are being choked by ivy. One
14	Actively Discourage non native species & trees
15	clear-cutting for the latest 2 densely packed, gigantic, single-family homes is an outrage
16	Some of this can be done through the encouragement of the formation of civic groups such as Tree Stewards.
17	I continue to be amazed at the mounding of mulch around trees at the hands of private landscape firms...causes root girdling and ultimately the demise of the tree.
18	We should naturalize land within RPA areas. We should inventory and work with residents to naturalize private land within RPA areas. We should develop a plan to control invasive plant species on public lands.
19	Also important are considerations for trees currently located adjacent to streets - driver visibility should not be obstructed. Planned plantings should consider ultimate size of trees - so that power lines, sidewalks, or other structures are not adversely impacted,
20	Definitely natives -- no more Bradford pears, UGH!! Developers/builders & homeowners should be responsible for re-foresting their properties after building homes.

Environment Survey - Question #4

How many people live in your household and how many car trips does your household make per day on average?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Just me	6.1%	7
2 people	35.7%	41
3-5 people	52.2%	60
6 or more people	5.2%	6
0 trips per day	0.9%	1
1-2 trips per day	46.1%	53
3-5 more trips per day	42.6%	49
6 or more trips per day	7.0%	8
Comments		13
answered question		115
skipped question		3

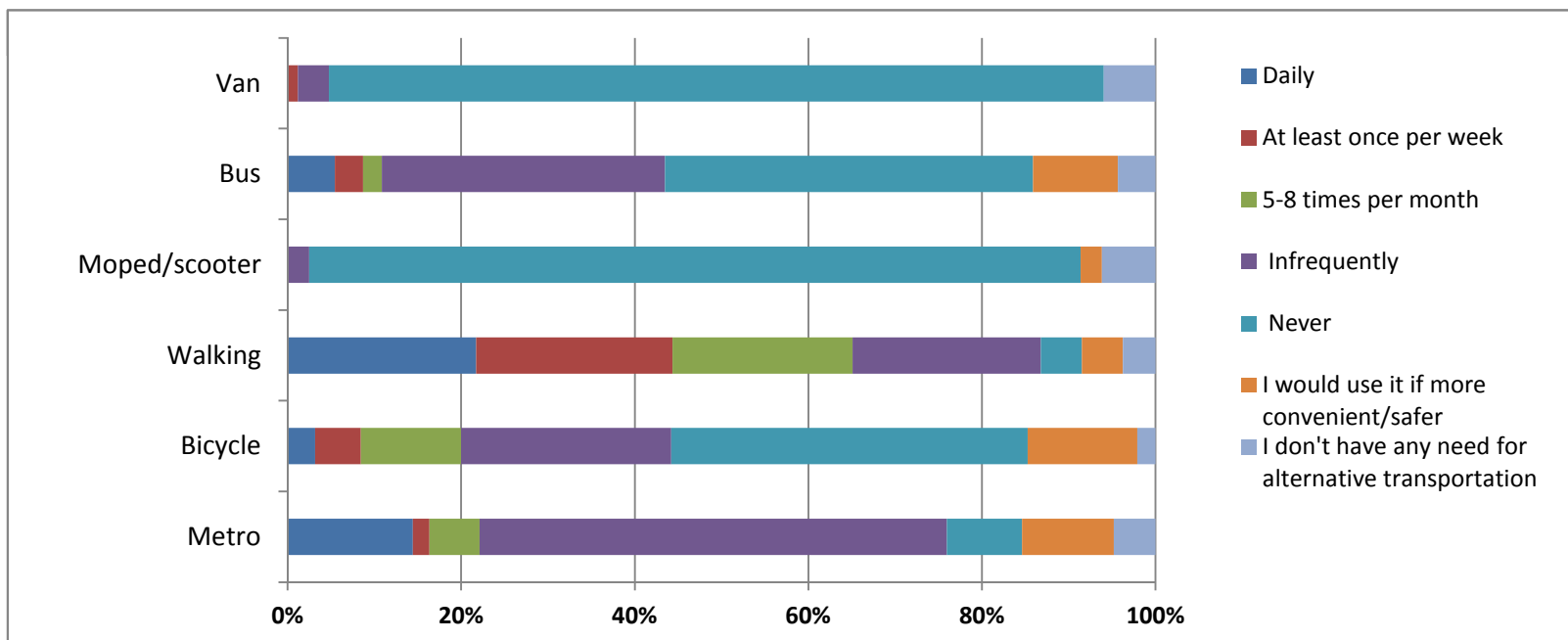


Question #4	Comments
	1 Work and back and maybe one trip.
	2 Mostly just the drive to Metro, morning and afternoon. I try to run errands on the drive home.
	3 Currently our son goes to afternoon and morning preschool and no transport provided; once he's school bus age, we'll have only 1 car commuter and 1 work-from-home/telecommuter.
	4 assuming to and from work is one trip? otherwise 3-5
	5 My wife works at home, so no work trips. 20%-30% of other trips (for both of us) are walking.
	6 I work from home. :-)
	7 1 long commute, 1 short commute plus errands
	8 Movement toward environmental friendly transportation means (the electric car is an example). The CUE bus is moving in the right direction with the hybrid.
	9 We own two hybrid vehicles.
	10 My husband takes the car to and from work each day, and I take the other car out almost every day, and run errands while I am already out.
	11 Know that we could do much more to reduce our dependance on private vehicles
	12 A few days a week I don't have to drive at all
	13 Our children are very active in sports, clubs and travel leagues. We carpool when able to but with 4 children, not all cars have the capacity to allow for carpooling.

Environment Survey - Question #5

Do you use alternative means of transportation (transportation other than car or motorcycle) in the city?

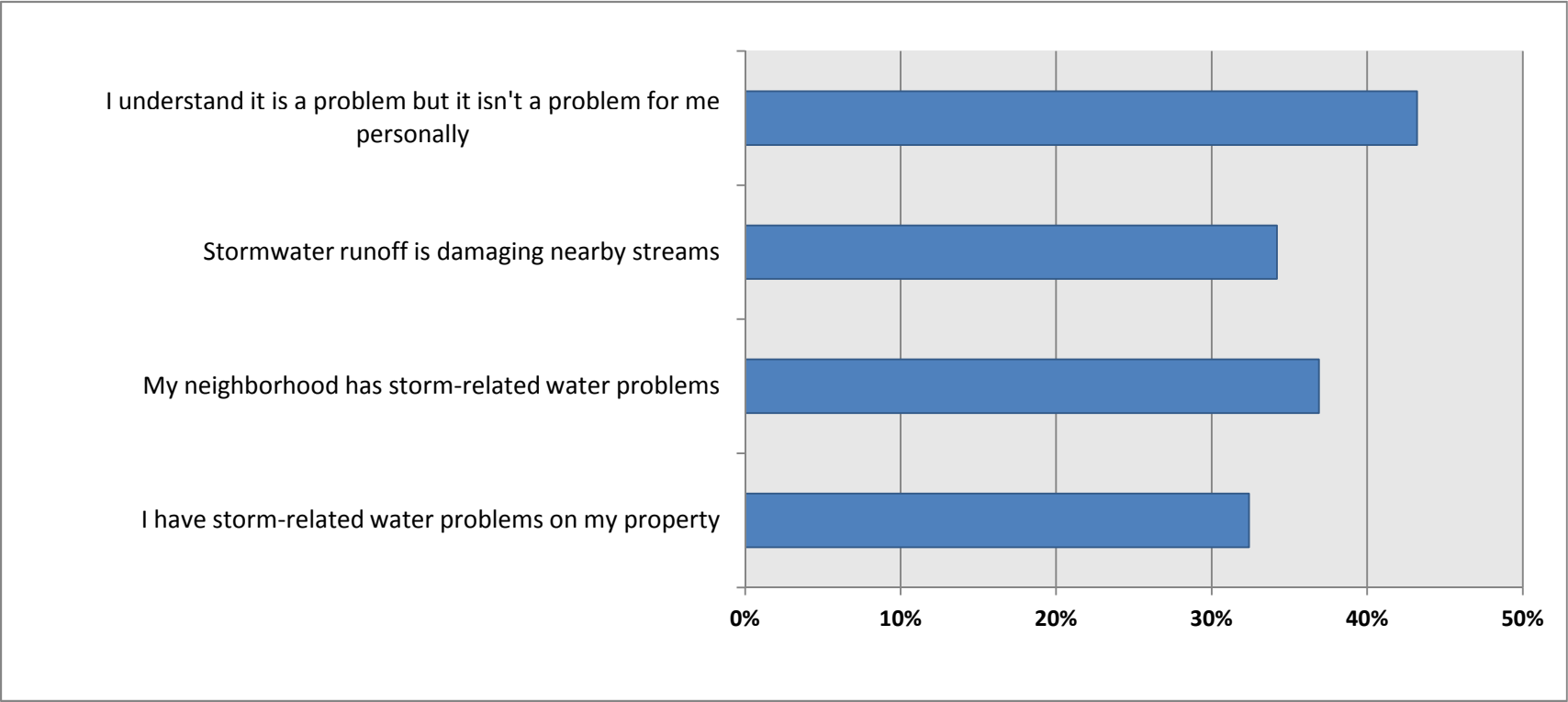
Answer Options	Daily	At least once per week	5-8 times per month	Infrequently	Never	I would use it if more convenient/safer	I don't have any need for alternative transportation	Rating Average	Response Count
Metro	15	2	6	56	9	11	5	3.91	104
Bicycle	3	5	11	23	39	12	2	4.41	95
Walking	23	24	22	23	5	5	4	2.94	106
Moped/scooter	0	0	0	2	72	2	5	5.12	81
Bus	5	3	2	30	39	9	4	4.50	92
Van	0	1	0	3	75	0	5	5.05	84
Other (please specify)/Comments									27
answered question									112
skipped question									6



Question #5	Other (please specify)/Comments
1	VRE Trains
2	Many cities I have visited have a free trolley that takes people around the city. I would love to have a free trolley that had stops at tourist sites as well as shopping places.
3	Mostly related to time and having two small children
4	CUE bus service is critical to me to get to work each day.
5	Unfortunately, I love the CUE bus but it's faster to walk to metro for metro purposes and to drive elsewhere. I wish I could walk/bike/bus but outside of DC, that's not really feasible for most people.
6	We love the CUE bus, it's great and gets us to and from the metro whenever we choose to use those means of transportation.
7	carpool
8	not really - always transporting several kids and normally in a hurry -
9	Sadly, my moped is broken. I used to ride it every day. I use CUE occasionally, but the route from my house to the metro is too in-direct, making the trip much longer than driving.
10	I would use the CUE bus daily if service were more frequent and if rush-hour schedules didn't end so early.
11	Would use the bus more (especially going to Vienna Metro) if it ran more frequently.
12	Always use metro to go downtown. System is not so good for commuting AROUND Fairfax rather than connecting with metro. Love the CUE bus.
13	The City should work on acquiring easements to extend and complete sidewalks in the City, especially where private property disrupts sidewalk continuity (such as on the West side of University Drive across from and slightly south of the old GMU Commerce Bldg.)
14	Parking at the vienna metro is often not possible making it difficult to use the metro for the remainder of the journey into the city
15	I'm mobility impaired, it's too far from our home to get to the public transportation.
16	I answer in terms of transportation - not exercise.
17	kids walk to school, i bike when i can to work, husband drives to metro
18	We ride bicycles for fun, not as transportation.
19	The integration of bicycle lanes would be a game changer for me.
20	Usually, my husband and I both transport papers and equipment that would be too difficult to carry on public transportation or on foot. The bus stops I might use in the area are not convenient to my destination--I would have to walk further than it would be worth.
21	We're semi-retired so we try to limit the number of trips we take anywhere. When we use the car(s), we strive to meet multiple objectives: fitness center, groceries, other shopping
22	Use metro whenever I go into DC but rarely use the bus service for local travel. No good reason...our busses are clean and offer dependable service
23	Husband takes metro and cue bus
24	This applies only to commuting.
25	Lack of sidewalks in many neighborhoods is both a problem for walking, but also for save biking on roads with high vehicle traffic. With small children, I don't want them riding in the street in many areas, but there are no sidewalks either.
26	but if you installed more sidewalks & curbs in the neighborhoods then our kids would be able to walk to school, get exercise, save money & pollute less
27	For our family to walk more, it would be necessary to cross Route 123 (Chain Bridge Rd). This road is dangerous for pedestrians with few sidewalks once you head north of the city and car speeds well in excess of the posted 25-30 mph limit. Our family and children can not safely walk in the City.

Environment Survey - Question #6

How does stormwater runoff affect you?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have storm-related water problems on my property	32.4%	36
My neighborhood has storm-related water problems	36.9%	41
Stormwater runoff is damaging nearby streams	34.2%	38
I understand it is a problem but it isn't a problem for me personally	43.2%	48
Other (please specify)/Comments		22
answered question		111
skipped question		7



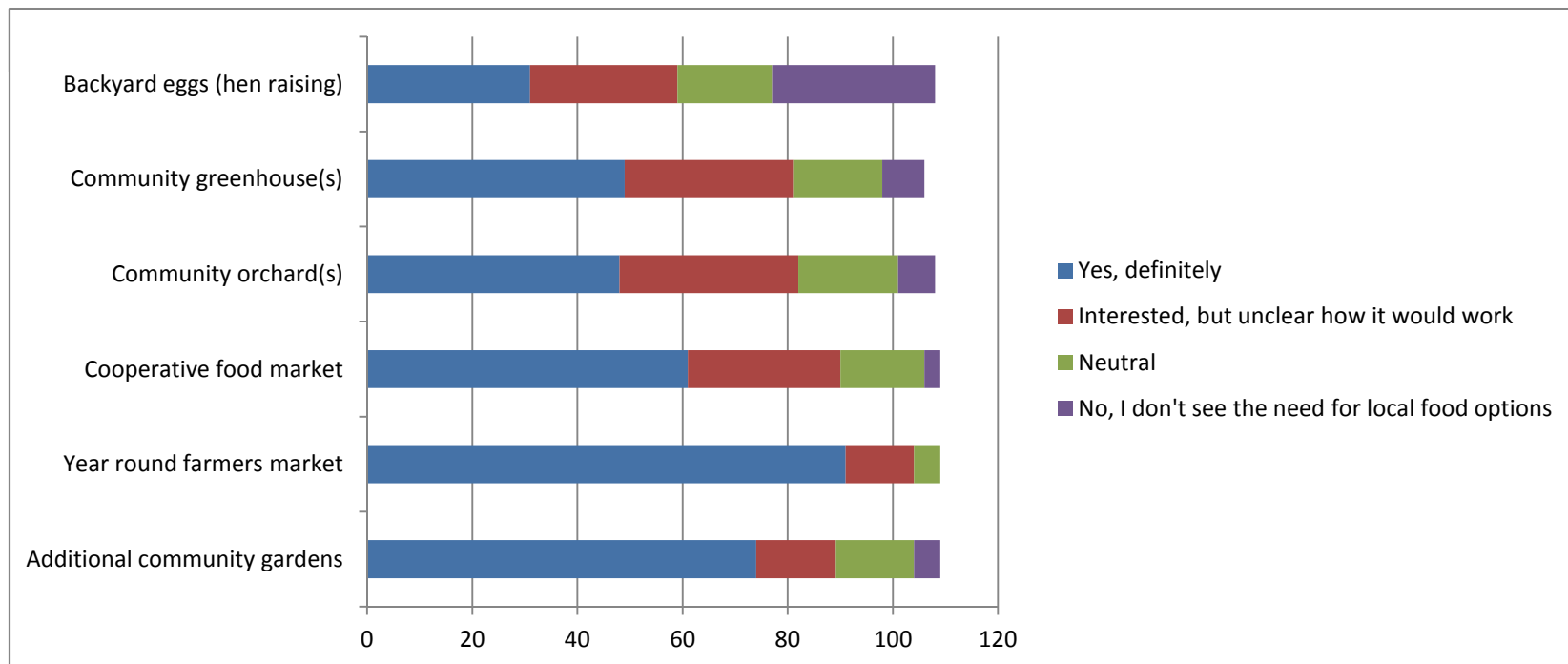
Question #6**Other (please specify)/Comments**

- 1 I have spent well over 10,000 dollars attempting to control storm related flooding
- 2 My house backs up to the creek. Would love to show you all the stuff I see flying by during a storm. Pretty amazing and sad.
- 3 My lower yard floods sometimes because it is on the flood plane of Accotink Creek. But, I think the City has done a great job of reinforcing creek banks etc so the flood water is well handled by the creek in our area (Country Club Hills)
- 4 some erosion in yard in heavy rain. Last summer, in that huge downpour, my underground pipes from the gutters, which empty directly into the sewer well, backed up into the basement. But that's probably a once-in-a-decade happenstance. I hope.
- 5 when it rains heavily. 1/4 of my lawn floods tremendously. I have 2 sump pumps that work every 20 minutes when it rains heavily.
- 6 The stream near my house has been paved over and rocks put in it. It's more of a stormwater runoff drain than a real stream anymore.
- 7 After a curb and gutter project on our street there are some improvements - but that project replaced many areas that were not problematic and did not address areas where stormwater (in coordination with debris) regularly jumps the curb onto properties. Seemed like a large waste of money.
- 8 The creek near us was improved about ten years ago to be planted with greenery to reduce the speed of runoff and improve habitat for birds. Made a big difference in the appearance of the banks along the stream. Due to the large amount of paving nearby, we sometimes get flooding in our backyard of an inch or two, had to have part of our patio area dug out to put in a drain so some water would seep into the ground under the brickwork. Would like to see more areas have methods for slowing water movement during storms with leaf walls, tanks for reuse for gardening, or other methods of reducing the rapid flow of water around neighborhoods.
- 9 water run off from neighbor's yard pools in ours
- 10 I've got very good drainage. No problem, except occasional accumulation on the back patio. If I dig a small trench to the swale, we're fine.
- 11 Our street is a hill downward to the creek. Backyards have massive streaming leading to a very overgrown drain in lower backyard 3 houses down. I'm talking occasional whitewater waves during some summer storms. Think it was built that way.
- 12 I have Accotink Creek in my back yard.
- 13 I often cringe when I see what is going into the sewer
- 14 My backyard is a runoff down through several backyards to a drain
- 15 After 50 years of land shifting in our development, the backyard runoff from the 17 houses on our block comes rushing down my back yard, partially flooding our patio/car port.
- 16 We have built three rain gardens in our yard to eliminate runoff.
- 17 A few townhouses bordering Inova Emergency Center have flooding from storm water runoff from their parking lot.
- 18 Earlier we had problems, but we (development / city) addressed them adequately.
- 19 Crestmont addressed major stormwater runoff issues several years ago. However, I believe businesses and homeowners need to be reminded annually of sustainable models for handling residential runoff.
- 20 While not a direct impact to me, stormwater runoff is damaging nearby streams because of the trash that people have left in the area adjacent to Accotink Stream just south of Ranger road, and west of Plantation Pkwy. I helped my son pick up trash from that area last weekend for his school service hours - (5 trash bags full). While we observed only a few items actually in the water, that doesn't mean other material didn't get carried downstream. We felt a little disgusted with all the trash we found, we took heart that we did a little bit to help clean things up.
- 21 My property has a ditch on two sides that collects all the water for the neighborhood before sending it to the street drain. There is extensive damage from last year's flood and it is always a challenge to maintain.
- 22 We have a drainage swale that is easily overwhelmed with water when it rains - doesn't flood our driveway, but has our neighbor's.

Environment Survey - Question #7

Locally sourced food is one way to improve a community's ability to provide for itself. Would you support creating options such as gardens, greenhouses, hen raising in the City of Fairfax?

Answer Options	Yes, definitely	Interested, but unclear how it would work	Neutral	No, I don't see the need for local food options	Rating Average	Response Count
Additional	74	15	15	5	1.55	109
Year round	91	13	5	0	1.21	109
Cooperative food	61	29	16	3	1.64	109
Community	48	34	19	7	1.86	108
Community	49	32	17	8	1.85	106
Backyard eggs	31	28	18	31	2.45	108
Other (please specify)/Comments						24
answered question						111
skipped question						7



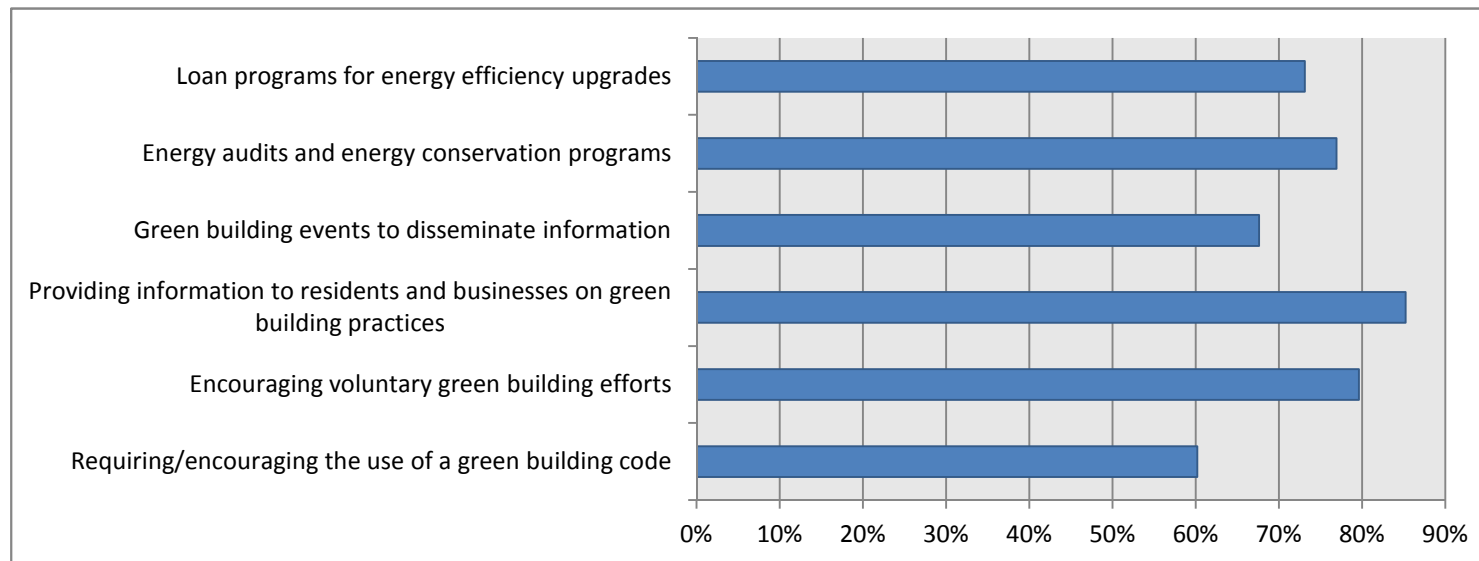
Question #7**Other (please specify)/Comments**

- 1 Though I think backyard eggs would be great, I personally don't want chicken in my neighbors' yards.
- 2 Definitely interested and wishing for a year round farmers market and local fresh food providers. Please, Please Please bring this!
- 3 I don't trust neighbors with hens! If there were dedicated coop/community hen space that people could lease, I'd back that as well as participate, but we live in a townhouse and it would be a nightmare to have clucking and crowing all the time.
- 4 Another way to provide for ourselves is to CONTINUE to own and operate water treatment facilities
- 5 The farmer's markets can be fun, but seems like some of the farmers are coming from WV and PA, or reselling food grown on west coast, and the transport in these local trucks is inefficient compared to the supermarkets. I've lived in other areas where we had a coop, was nice chance to get a variety of products. On trips to WV, have seen farmer co-ops where you could buy local stuff and a larger percentage of the price helped sustain the farmers, maybe something like that could be added to the City Museum etc, where locals could drop off their items and it would be sold with a portion supporting the city and a portion supporting the local farmer. Lots of community gardens in Columbia MD, they have waiting lists for people to get a plot, would be nice if something like this was near the low income parts of Fairfax City - provide jobs and opportunity for apartment dwellers to get outside and raise some produce, like near Van Dyck apartments on Layton Hall.
- 6 lawns are an environmentally offensive invention - we should encourage native grasses and vegetable gardens in their place.
- 7 Community orchards and greenhouses are a great way to build community pride. Community gardens should be located near apartment complexes, etc. We have such a large stock of single family homes that don't need them. I like the idea of cooperative food markets, but can't people already join them independently? Also, they tend to draw people who are already aware of the importance of local food. The latter
- 8 Wouldn't want roosters crowing at dawn near my house!
- 9 Am a Master Gardener in Louisa Co. where it is very farm friendly. Don't get that vibe from Fairfax!
- 10 Concerned that hen raising can be quite noisy with roosters present. If there was a way of eliminating or mitigating this issue I'd be all for it.
- 11 Hen raising should have strict limitations on the numbers of chickens that can be owned.
- 12 Nothing that makes noise, or can carry disease like chickens please. while some would care for the chickens properly, others will not.
- 13 Hen raising = bio hazard and potential for the spread of pandemic outbreaks. A 'limit' would also be wholly abused by many, and difficult if not impossible to enforce.
- 14 I have a tree business on a farm. KEEP THE DAMNED CHICKENS OUT OF SUBURBAN YARDS. You need roosters, ...they're loud ALL day long. Chicken waste smells, especially when concentrated in a small back yard. Chickens carry diseases which can be extremely dangerous to
- 15 What about a program that encourages home owners to turn yards into gardens?
- 16 Noise and smell of animals would not be appealing but community orchard/grape vineyard would be exceptionally unique and make Fairfax standout. The question is location and cost for that much land.
- 17 Bee keeping should be encouraged
- 18 When raising farm animals, there is a need to make sure that the runoff is not polluting our drinking water and other crops. Generally, this works better when there is more area between properties. Also, neighbors would need to be willing to live next door to a rooster crowing early
- 19 Cooperative food markets worked well in our former location (Ithaca, NY), as did a community greenhouse. I think they would work here, but
- 20 my thought is that having hens will create a noise problem for early hours
- 21 A compost facility available to residents in the city of Fairfax that would recycle city's organic waste and provide organic mulch to residents.
- 22 composting
- 23 Yes, please :)
- 24 I would like to have a goat

Environment Survey - Question #8

Green building encompasses construction and maintenance of buildings to reduce their environmental impact. Do you support the following actions for the City of Fairfax? Select all that you support.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Requiring/encouraging the use of a green building code	60.2%	65
Encouraging voluntary green building efforts	79.6%	86
Providing information to residents and businesses on green building practices	85.2%	92
Green building events to disseminate information	67.6%	73
Energy audits and energy conservation programs	76.9%	83
Loan programs for energy efficiency upgrades	73.1%	79
Other (please specify)/Comments		18
answered question		108
skipped question		10

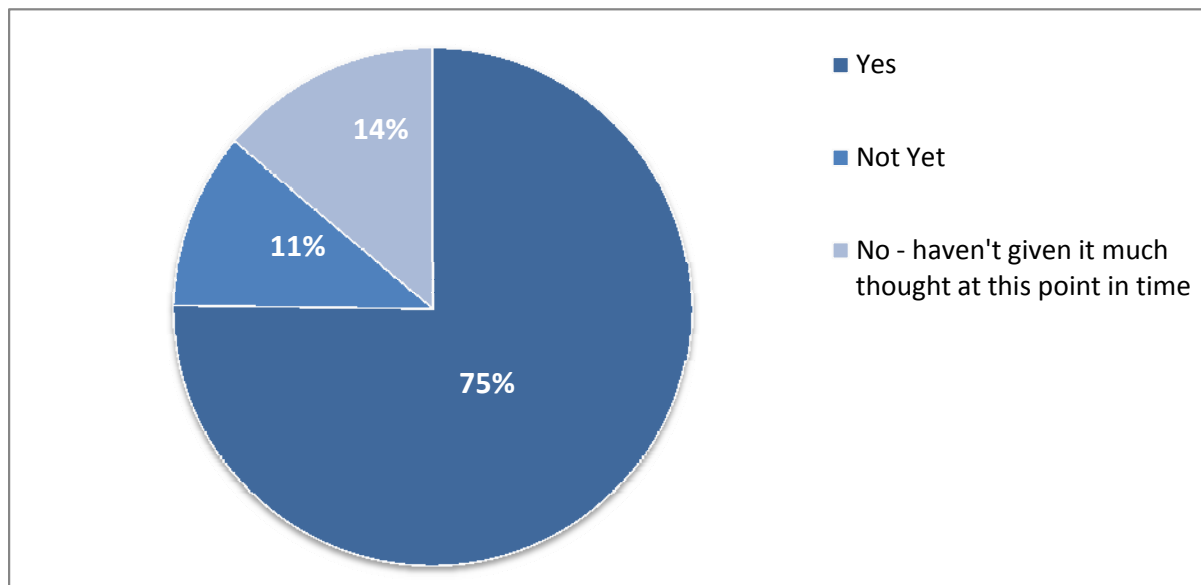


Question #8	Other (please specify)/Comments
1	Stop building.
2	There is a lot of fraud in the "green movement" I would not support my tax dollars being used to line someone's pocket because they are offering "green" anything.
3	Free energy audits offered by the city would be great.
4	How about a property tax benefit for those of us who drive fuel efficient cars (but not expensive hybrids) rather than gas guzzling SUVs? children and carseats CAN work in economy cars!
5	Provide free (or subsidized) rain barrels to City residents who will install them.
6	Stop encouraging and start MANDATING! When a developer proffers green technology, make them BE SPECIFIC, then have City employees do there homework. MANY "green" practices are not green at all. For instance, the preservation of small tracts of land a property dominated by weedy tree species (in poor health) is not a good trade-off for the City. Certain stormwater measures are not appropriate at various sites, etc.
7	City government should be required to follow green construction practices for all buildings.Residents and businesses, while they should not be required to build green should be offered a tax incentive to do so.
8	I'd like to see financial incentives for residents to make environmentally sustainable upgrades to their properties.
9	"Green" and "recycling" is good, but a viable public transp. system and using LESS is better!
10	I would like the City of Fairfax to encourage the State of Virginia to consider creating tax credits for solar energy upgrades on residential property, as is currently done in Maryland. It is far cheaper for a Maryland property owner to install & use solar than for a Virginia property owner, due to tax credits.
11	Encouraging Green
12	"Green" building technology is still in its infancy. Requiring it would only create a backlash AGAINST it.The city should consider leading by example and using photovoltaic cells on the rooftops of its buildings.
13	how about tax credits for energy efficiency upgrades.
14	I prefer encouraging the use of green building codes especially during permitting processes. I would support low cost energy audits and conservation programs but would want citizens to pay something for them.
15	While the first item above sounds like a promising idea, I cannot support the "requiring" aspect without the caveat that it apply to public buildings. I do think we can try to require green building code for business with newly constructed buildings - especially when significant zoning negotiations are involved - i.e., if city is reluctant to allow a business to build, requiring green building codes might help sway the city to allow building.
16	Requiring for businesses and encouraging for residents
17	Amending the code to Increase the amount of water that must be retained on development sites. Rethinking the use of gas lamps that run 24/7 in Old Town. Require that business, such as restaurants, use recyclable materials. Place recycling bins around the City, particularly in parks.
18	Again, with a household size of 7, our utilities are high but we do what we can to stay as green as possible. Recycling is huge in our household and we often exceed the 2 bins that we have allocated for recyclables.

Environment Survey - Question #9

Are there things that you do to be more energy efficient and more earth-friendly around your home that you would recommend to your neighbors?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.2%	76
Not Yet	10.9%	11
No - haven't given it much thought at this point in time	13.9%	14
Actions		82
answered question		101
skipped question		17



Question #9**Actions**

- 1 We have been recycling for many years.
- 2 Higher efficient windows and doorsNo grass growing chemicalsusing rain water for various needs
- 3 more insulation, solar if possible
- 4 My neighbors don't speak to me and when they do, it's usually not friendly and about something they want. Welcome to Northern Virginia.
- 5 I compost a lot. I never put yard waste in Accotink Creek but neighbors do. I pick up trash along Accotink Creek and in Van Dyke Park
- 6 recyclereusecomposttimer-controlled AC
- 7 Water saving faucets and shower heads
- 8 vegetable garden, recycle, plant trees in place of those we cut down, carpool
- 9 Rain barrels, CFL's, garden, greenhouse, clothes line, push mower, minimal power tools, natural cleaning supplies
- 10 Keep the thermostat high in the summer, low in winter. Dry clothes outside when possible.We walk a lot to stores/restaurants around town
- 11 Walk to work
- 12 Windows open instead of a/c ad much as possible. No lawn watering. Buy more fresh foods, reduce packaged foods.
- 13 new light bulbs
- 14 Use your bicycle more to get to the downtown area, and use public transportation to get to work (CUE bus and Vienna metro).
- 15 Whenever I hike in the woods and parks with my son and/or dog, I carry a trash bag. The woods behind Ranger Road park, Stafford Park, and Draper drive are teeming with discarded bottles, food trash, and other debris that I pick up compulsively. I've gotten over anger toward those who pollute and now just focus on getting ride of that which I can handle on my own.
- 16 CF bulbsAdded insulationProgrammable thermostatTurn off unused computer equipment
- 17 We recycle as much as possible, we've added extra insulation and an attic fan to keep our house cooler in the summer so we use less energy, we don't water our grass, but instead leave the grass clippings on it after I mow. It's beautifully green!
- 18 i would be interested in learning more about this.
- 19 Timer on hot water tank; efficient HVAC system; efficient doors and windows plus attic insulation; aggressive recycling and donation (re-use); tree planting.
- 20 Replaced 90% of household lighting with CFL bulbs, replaced all major appliances with energy star rated, high efficiency hot water heater.
- 21 rain barrel for watering gardenonly using energy star applianceslimiting toilet flusingkeep house cool in winter, warmer in summer
- 22 compact fluorescent light bulbs, changing 'base' house temps by 2 degrees, set the lawnmower to cut grass higher, compost, recycling, and more.
- 23 We have hybrid vehicles that use less fuel. We use high efficiency CF bulbs. We wash clothes in cold water and have drying racks to air dry.
- 24 Replace incandescent light bulbs
- 25 I don't use fertilizer, I compost, I recycle everything, I reuse and use craig's list,
- 26 Bury compostModify thermostatUse fan instead of more air conditioning
- 27 Minor things. We walk, rather than drive wehever we can. We use low-maintenance plants in our yard. I admit that I do treat my lawn, but not every year. I never water the lawn, or plants, except for those that have recently been planted.
- 28 Signed up for Virginia Power's option to pay a bit more for electricity generated by wind power. Replaced all lights with CFLs.
- 29 Recycling, composting, solar PV, condensing furnace, tankless hot water heater, LED lighting
- 30 Ditch incandescents for at least CFLs; now looking into LEDs. Lower temperature on water heater. Replace old windows. Put up glass on storm door. Unplug appliances that have a standby mode, or turn off the power-strip. Compost. (We don't do that.) Mulch lawn trimmings instead of bagging and disposing. (We used to do this when we mowed our lawn ourselves.) Keep the thermostat reasonable. INSULATE! I could go on and on....
- 31 The usual recycle, turn off lights and water when not in use.

- 32** Cutting back on the use of water and electricity
- 33** Keep house 64-65 in winter. We have 1950s house have added insulation.
- 34** 1. Use primarily compact florescent light bulbs
2. Try to shut off any electrical devices or lights when not in use.
3. Turn down the heat whenever no one is home for an extended period
4. Use thermal curtains over windows
- 35** Turn off computers Efficient light bulbs Recycle & Composte to keep garbage stream low Close blinds or open windows to decrease running AC
- 36** Thorough recycling - 75% by volume of waste is recycled on a weekly basis.
- 37** compost, recycle
- 38** recycling, changed light bulbs, improved insulation
- 39** Vegetable garden, collect ac water to use for plants, plant winter rye grass in garden to hold soil, recycle, lower shades during summer,
- 40** only running full washing machines, recycle, turn off lights...
- 41** Additional insulation in roof space. More insulated windows
- 42** recyele, energy efficient light bulbs,
- 43** Put in additional insulation. Recycle. use a timer on the thermostat. Fonrt loading washer that uses less water.
- 44** I give considerable attention to recycling what is re-recyclable and to make sure it is done according to re-clinging specifications.
- 45** Turning off lights and recycling 75% of our garbage.
Using composter for scraps
Keeping heat and AC to a minimum AND minimum temp.
Use leftover water to replenish plants around the house
- 46** Recently put in new windows. Looking into a geothermal system.
- 47** With new THIN FILM solar/electric cells being developed, we are finally considering installing photovoltaic solar on our roof. It's much more flexible, aesthetically pleasing, and energy efficient than it was even 5 years ago.
- 48** Eventually replace original windows.
- 49** -Continues about the appliances that we buy and use.-Use energy efficient light bulbs-Insulated screen door
- 50** new windows, insulation, appliances, trees_flowering and canopy hardwoods
- 51** all of our gardening and lawn care is organic, we drive only when needed (I work 1 mile from home), we plant veggies, organic cleaning products
- 52** recycle, pick-up trash, plant and garden without damaging fertilizers
- 53** I have energy star rated windows and doors, and a high efficiency heat and a/c unit, as well as R-15 insulation in the walls and R-38+ in the attic.
- 54** we plan on upgrading our kitchen appliances to energy star. we would like to put in room air conditioners and replace our single pane windows with double paned windows.
- 55** energy conservation (simple stuff like turning down the heat, turn off lights, caulking)
- 56** Energy efficient products at home. Heating, windows, light bulbs, toilets
- 57** Walk as many places as possible. Regular consumer at farmers markets.
- 58** recyclereusesharetrade
- 59** We've switched almost all lights to CFL. We have installed two solar panels to provide backup electricity.
- 60** I want to bring my roof into code with the vent; I need to re-insulate my attic; I need to replace my 30-year old windows

61 Use whole house fan instead of AC.

Energy efficient appliances.

Composting & Recycling

Would love to have more information on wind and solar power.

62 Composting is easy and rewarding, it also keeps greenhouse gases from forming by capturing more food waste.

63 composting yard waste

64 I run only full loads of laundry and dishes, and use the "smart" setting on the dishwasher and cold water for laundry. My parents gave us their old electric lawn mower, so we've given up the gas powered mower.

65 Mulch lawn clippings. Compost. Recycle. Install water restrictive shower heads. Use HE clothes washer.

66 Compost, collect storm ware run-off, organic veggie garden

67 We're systematically replacing all original appliance with more energy efficient ones, and doing the same with light bulbs. We've significantly reduced water use with more efficient appliances and shower heads. We replaced small front and back lawns (town house) with flower gardens.

68 1) Energy efficient HVAC replacement (reduced our monthly utility bill by almost 1/2)

'2) energy efficient appliance replacements (refrig, dishwasher, washer/dryer)...hot water heater is next!

3) replace house hold lightbulbs with energy efficient ones

4) Reduce amount of water usage

5) replaced lawn with gardens loaded with perennials and native plants

6) use primarily organic fertilizer and pesticide products

69 leave the grass clippingsrain barrels to catch gutter waterdo not water the lawnto not use pesticides

70 rain barrel, composter, no pesticides on lawn to run off into water shed/streams, motion &/or photo sensitive lights instead of constant on outside lights

71 rrecycle yard waist. turn out lights in unused rooms. switching to cfl's when old ones burn out. recaulked windows and doors,

72 Use runoff water from down spouts for garden irrigation.

73 Garden, limit electricity use, compost, no pesticides

74 Efficient light bulbs, recycling

75 composting. use soaps that do not contain phosphates. purchasing products with as little packaging as possible.

76 * Replaced all windows

* Replaced old door

* Removed drywall and double re-insulated highly exposed areas

* Plant / maintain trees that provide shade on house in summer

77 programmable thermostat; use fans and open windows instead of using air conditioner; flourescent lightbulbs; timers on lights; recycle judiciously

78 We did a big upgrade of windows, doors, insulation on our 50 year old house. Installed solatube lights & solar attic fans. Try to manage the discharge from our sump pump in a water garden friendly way.

79 more recycling like cardboard. Do all the parks in FX city have recycling containers? I would hope for the county parks to have recycling container especially during soccer and softball games and tournaments.

80 composting and rain barrels (on most downspouts)

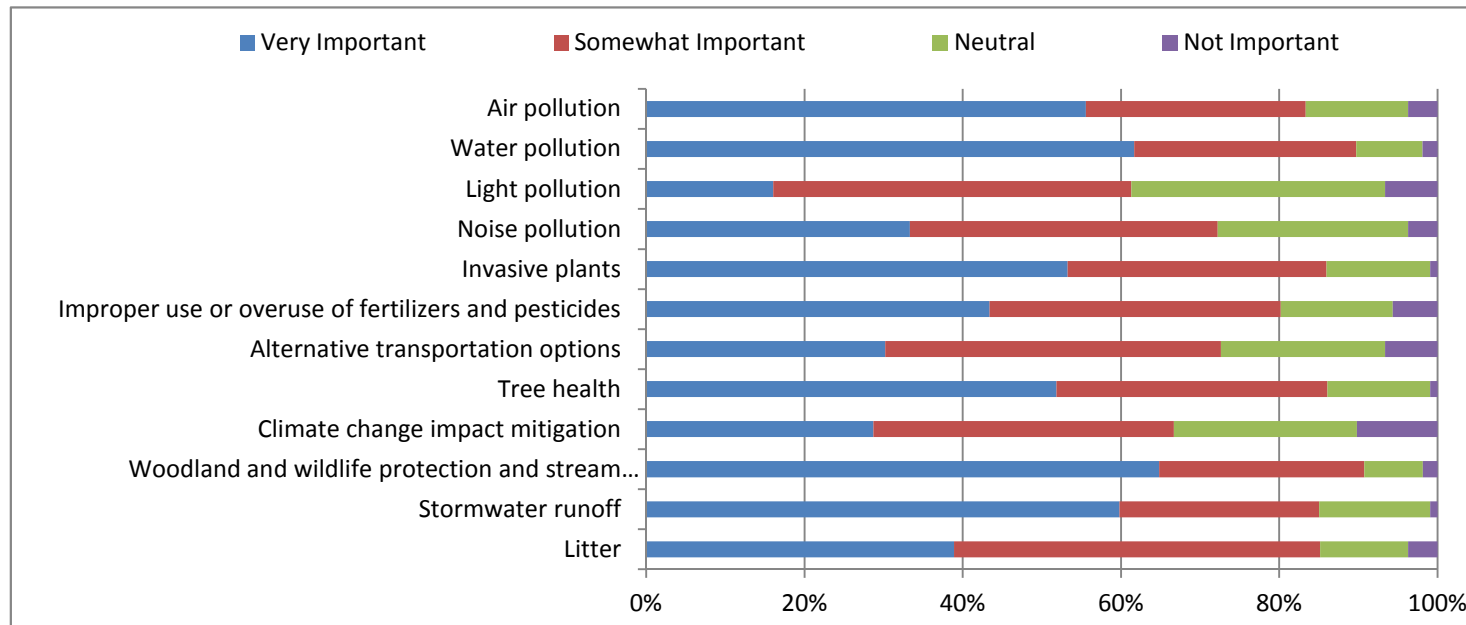
81 We adjust our heat/air, use energy efficient light bulbs, recycle extensively and wash clothes in cold water.

82 insulation and caulk

Environment Survey - Question #10

Please rate the following issues facing the City of Fairfax.

Answer Options	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Litter	42	50	12	4	1.00	108
Stormwater runoff	64	27	15	1	1.00	107
Woodland and wildlife protection and stream restoration	70	28	8	2	1.00	108
Climate change impact mitigation	31	41	25	11	1.00	108
Tree health	56	37	14	1	1.00	108
Alternative transportation options	32	45	22	7	1.00	106
Improper use or overuse of fertilizers and pesticides	46	39	15	6	1.00	106
Invasive plants	57	35	14	1	1.00	107
Noise pollution	36	42	26	4	1.00	108
Light pollution	17	48	34	7	1.00	106
Water pollution	66	30	9	2	1.00	107
Air pollution	60	30	14	4	1.00	108
Other (please specify)/Comments						24
answered question						110
skipped question						8



Question #10**Other (please specify)/Comments**

- 1 Get people to stop putting yard waste in Accotink Creek.
- 2 Virginia creeper and grapevine have become a real problem.
- 3 The old town fairfax light street 'lamps' are most light polluting and inefficient I've seen in a long time.
- 4 I'm not sure that climate change impact mitigation can be addressed by the city; we should focus our scarce resources on that which is immediately feasible without enormous investments. Also, we need to ensure healthy, chemical free, safe plastics in our schools.
- 5 We should always strive to keep our water and air as clean as possible, and while these may not be imminently threatening to the residents of the city, they are very important to our community's health and overall quality of life.
- 6 Encourage Dominion to change street lighting to LED and other efficient options.
- 7 Providing long-term drinking water to City residents
- 8 Would love to see people encouraged to plant native plants instead of just grass lawns. Less mowing/watering, more habitat for birds and insects etc. such as from the book "Noah's Garden". Would like to see the local schools offering certificates of instruction to students about weeding and tending to native plants, then listed for jobs in the local community to support such gardens, instead of relying on cheap mowers etc that come in and treat everything like it should be cut down and blown with leaf blowers. Could provide jobs for local students and make it easier for people to switch from grass to a mix of plants. Get someone to design a group of plants that could be planted all over the city in a mix of habitat, like rows of houses etc and have them switch from empty front yards to mini-habitats for birds etc with a mix of low bushes and plants, not just trees.
- 9 Most of our problems are pretty minor. Low crime, low pollution, etc., at least relative to other cities. Please do NOT raise our nice low taxes to tackle wish-list items that could probably be handled just fine by volunteers, private industry, etc.
- 10 May I reiterate the lawn care thing. Lawn care companies should be FORBIDDEN to add carcinogenic chems. Increased lawn growth leads to increased mowing DUH! and use of gasoline
- 11 While I think some of these issues are important, I don't see that the City of Fairfax has major problems at present.
- 12 I think Fairfax City is better than most cities but these things are still important.
- 13 Storm water runoff runoff, and water and air pollution are my three very top issues.
- 14 With more building and paving, our streams have to carry a greater capacity of storm runoff. Their banks are CONSTANTLY getting battered in summer storms and bringing down trees. Invasive vines are killing off trees on private property, as well as public property. Neighborhood street lights tend to use the old grey colored fluorescent lightbulbs. The visibility is poor and somewhat frightening to our kids. Can they be changed to something warmer with new lightbulb technology? Finally, can something be done about the littering by drunken vagrants along the stream near Route 50?
- 15 Invasive bug species
- 16 We need to balance the environmental needs with the needs of the population. My home backs to the creek and have lots of mosquitos and ticks. I need to spray for bugs on a regular basis. It may not be the best for the creek but I my first concern is my family. When dealing with the City at times I believe that the City forgets that people need to come first and that imposing these some of these rules to ALL is not practical.
- 17 install solar panels on buildings to offset the cost of keeping lights on all night inside the buildings (schools!) and surrounding parking lots (park pavilions!)
- 18 MISQUITOS!!!
- 19 Would like to see lower speed limits as 123 approaches city of Fairfax on west end - to reduce engine noise and fast drivers, currently 30mph, would like to see 20mph. Never see cops stopping speeders as is.
- 20 I don't really know which of these issues may be making a terrible impact on our City at this time. I am only rating them based on what I see on a daily or weekly basis.
- 21 Wish the gas powered leaf blowers had never been invented; they are a massive contributor to air and noise pollution
- 22 have volunteered with Northern Va conservation. Know first hand the importance of removal of invasive plants and stream clean ups
- 23 I'm sensitive to impact fertilizer and pesticides on the Chesapeake bay. Noise and Light pollution controls might negatively affect evening sports activities.
- 24 there are many ways to make our city greener but there needs to be participation from the residents.